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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 09 September 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Acklen (of record) and Webopedia (of record).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative discussed the limitation related to the spreadsheet manager determining whether a cell is "spreadsheet based" and "word processing based". Examiner explained how the references were being interpreted with respect to that claim limitation. Applicant was advised to formally file any amendments and/or arguments for further search and/or consideration.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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